## REMARKS

The claims pending in this patent application following amendment are newly presented Claims 9-14, inclusive. Each of original Claims 1-8 has been cancelled, without prejudice.

Claims 1-3 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over the patent to Allman et al (5,465,438) in view of the patent to Watkins et al (5,813,063). Claims 4-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the aforementioned patent to Watkins et al. Inasmuch as each of original Claims 1-8 has been cancelled, these rejections are now rendered moot.

Claims 9-14 are presented for the first time to more clearly set forth the applicant's claimed invention. In particular, newly presented Independent Claim 9 recites a portable water dispensing station comprising a fluid coupling adapted to receive fresh water from an external water source that is located remotely from the portable water dispensing station, a reservoir for storing fresh water that is movable with the portable water dispensing station, a water pump, and a control valve by which to selectively connect the water pump to either the fluid coupling (so as to receive fresh water from the external water source) or to the reservoir (so as to receive fresh water that is stored therewithin and carried by the portable water dispensing station) depending upon the operation of the control valve. That is to say, when the control valve is moved to a first (i.e., open) position, the water pump is connected to the fluid coupling so that a hose, or the like, can provide fresh water to the faucet from an external water source. However, when the control valve is moved to a second (i.e., closed) position, the water pump is otherwise connected to the portable reservoir so that the

fresh water that is transported with the portable water dispensing station can be provided to the faucet.

There is nothing shown or suggested in either the patent to Watkins et al or any reasonable combination of Allman et al in view of Watkins et al which is the same or equivalent to the applicant's portable water dispensing station as recited in newly presented Independent Claim 9 comprising a control valve which is selectively operated to connect a water pump to one of a fluid coupling to be supplied from an external water source or to a reservoir to be supplied from an internal (i.e., portable) water source. It may be that Allman discloses a portable water dispensing station adapted to be independently connected to receive fresh water from an external water source and from an internal water reservoir. However, there is nothing shown or suggested in Allman et al or Watkins et al to also include a control valve by which a fluid pump is selectively connected to either the external water source or to the internal water reservoir by means of operating the control valve (i.e., between open and closed positions). Accordingly, it is submitted that newly presented Independent Claim 9 is distinguishable from Watkins et al or Allman et al in view of Watkins et al. Inasmuch as Independent Claim 9 is believed to be patentable, each of newly presented Claims 10-14, which depends therefrom, is likewise believed to be patentable.

In view of the foregoing, each of Claims 9-14 which now appears in this patent application is believed to recite a patentable portable water dispensing station. Therefore, reconsideration of the Examiner's rejection is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto are four pages of drawings with proposed corrections indicated thereon in red ink. The proposed corrections to the drawings are to add additional reference numerals so as to enable the drawings to better correspond with a reading of the applicant's specification. Moreover, extraneous matter (e.g., bill of materials, dimension lines, drawing designators, and the like) have been deleted so as to place the drawings in better form for publication. However, it is pointed out that no new matter has been added and the scope of the claimed invention has not been changed.

A power of attorney is also attached to enable the undersigned attorney to prosecute this

Accordingly, it is requested that the aforementioned corrections be approved in toto.

application and to file this Amendment on behalf of the applicant.

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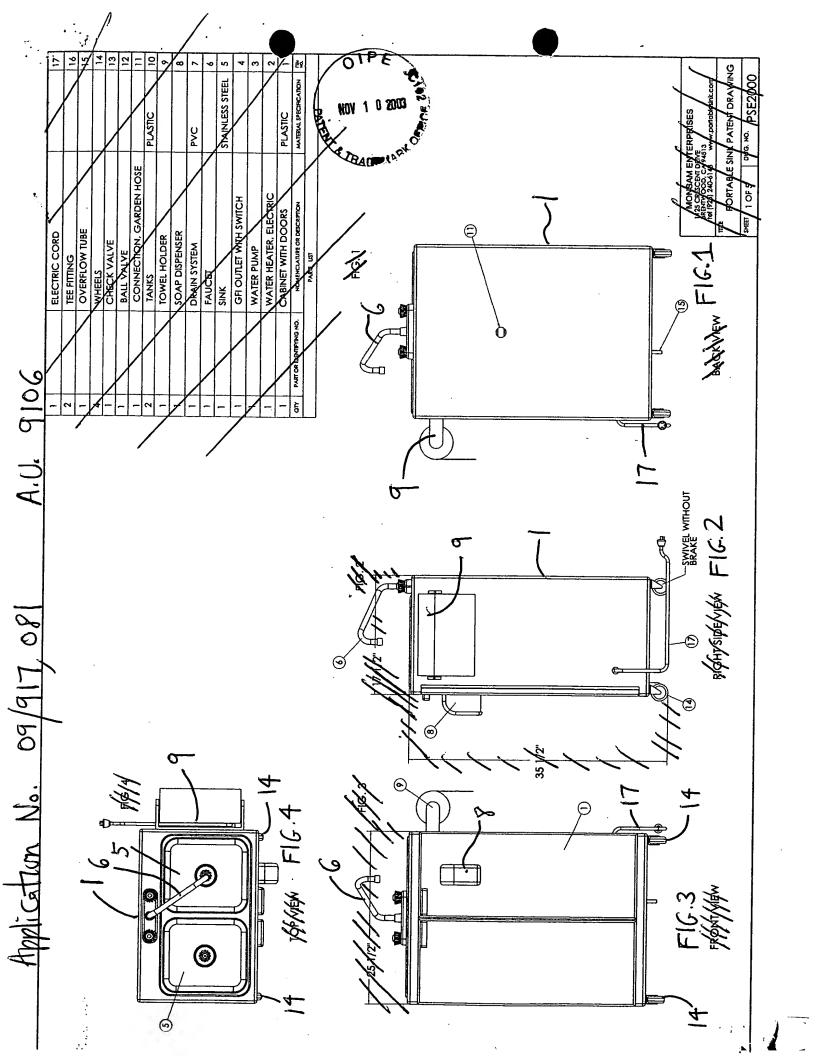
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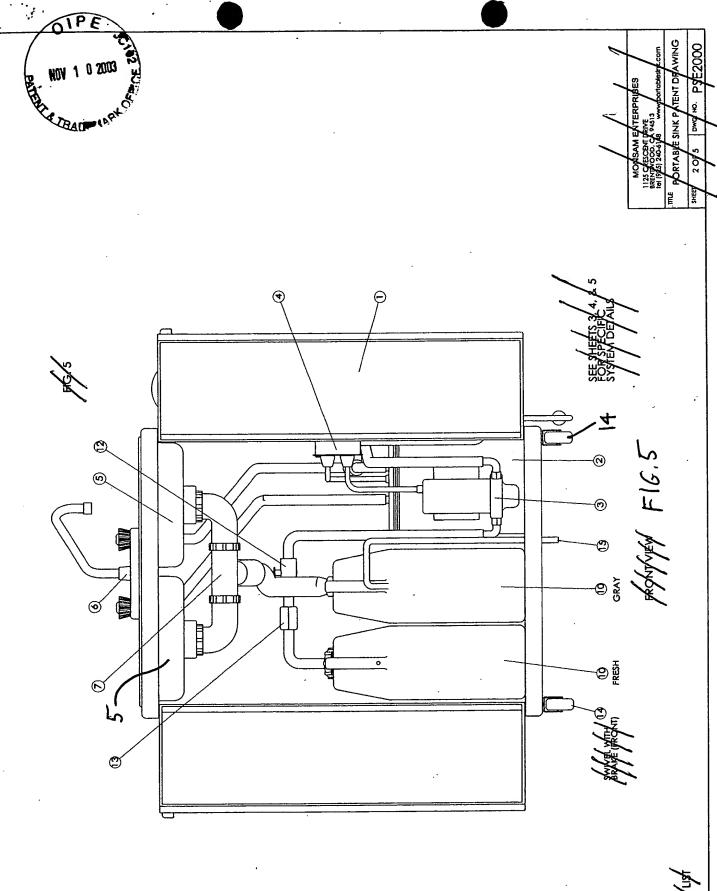
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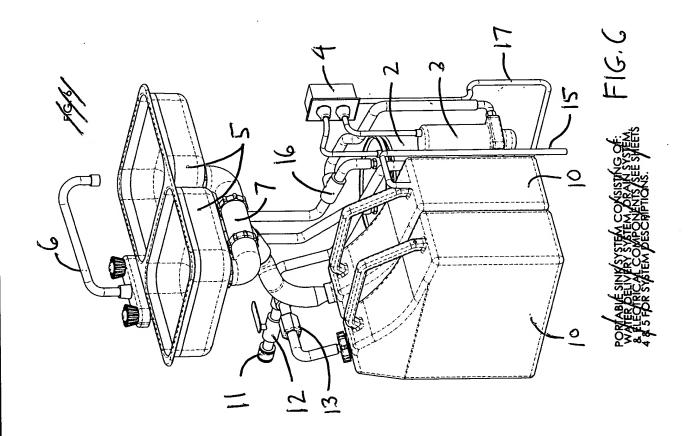




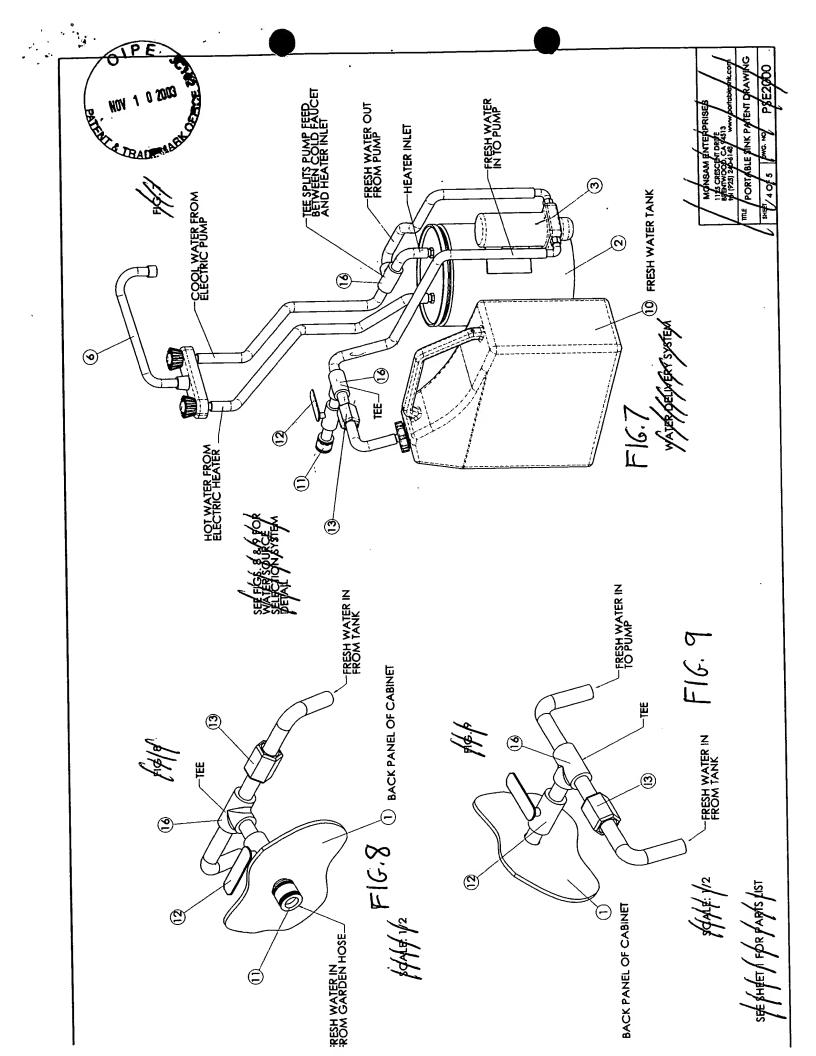
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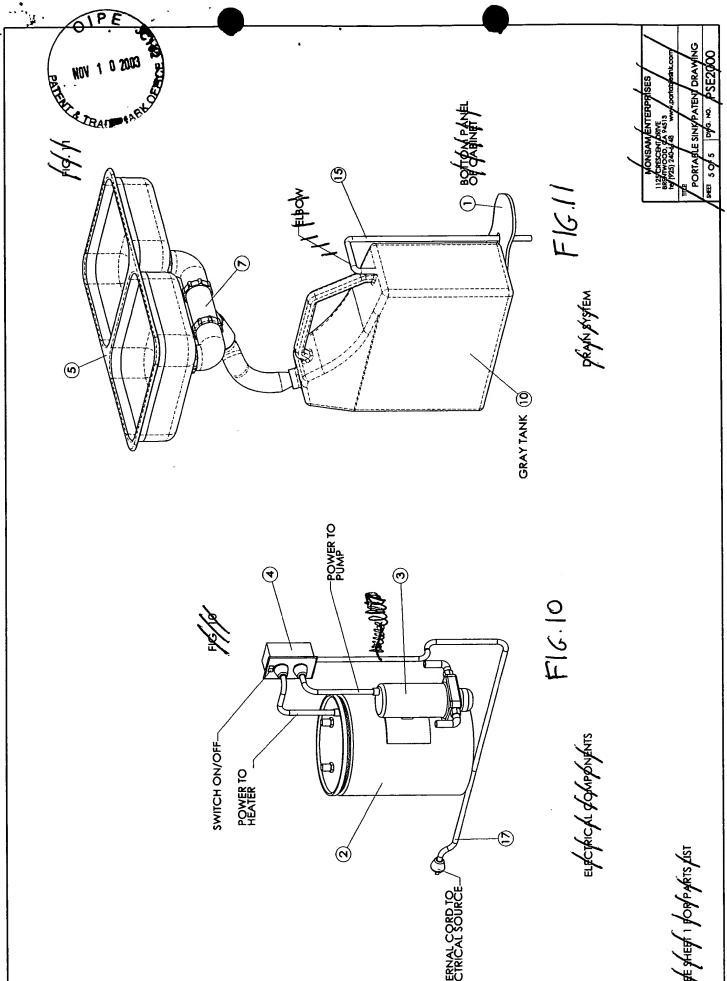






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